

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 12 with the following paragraph.

Also, in the magnetic field generating means 5 of the respective embodiments as described above, the angle α in the vertical direction (Fig. 2) and the angle β in the track direction (Fig. 3) in the application angles of the transferring magnetic field are defined to be within $\pm 30^\circ$, respectively, and the sum of the absolute values of them is defined to be within 30° .

Please replace the last paragraph on page 20 continuing onto page 21 with the following paragraph.

Also, Table 1 shows values when the angle α and the angle β all were varied in plus directions, and Table 2 shows values when the angle α was varied in the ~~plus~~negative direction and the angle β was varied in the plus direction. The plus direction of the angle α is the direction in which lines of magnetic force are inclined upward with respect to a close-contact surface of the slave medium and the master medium so as to proceed toward the slave medium, and the direction inclined downward is the minus direction. The plus direction of the angle β is the direction in which lines of magnetic force are inclined toward the outer circumference with respect to a tangent line of the track on the close contact surface of the slave medium and the master medium, and the direction inclined toward the inner circumference is the minus direction. Also, because data when the angle β in the plane track direction was varied is approximately equal to each other in the plus direction and in the minus direction, data in the minus direction were omitted.